



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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Summer 2020 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

September 11: Public Service Panel

The club is on its normal “summer break”. We will start meetings back up in September. Depending on what’s going on with the pandemic then will determine whether we meet in person, virtually, or a combination. Watch the IRCNews reflector for updates.

Ham Radio News:

DX ENGINEERING VIRTUAL HAMFEST AND DX ACADEMY

Join the Elmers at DX Engineering and a host of Ham Radio luminaries on Saturday, July 25, 2020, for the first DXE Virtual Hamfest and DX Academy—two online events combined into a full day of fun, learning, and drawings for DX Engineering gift cards (must be registered and present on Zoom during the drawings to qualify).

Both events are free and open to all—click [here](#) to register. Once signed up, you will receive a link to access the events in real-time on the Zoom webinar platform, or you can watch live on the DX Engineering YouTube channel.

DXE Virtual Hamfest

The day kicks off with the DXE Virtual Hamfest, featuring presentations from top contributors to OnAllBands (DX Engineering's blog site), and the latest news and answers to your questions about recent and upcoming products.

Schedule (All Times Eastern)

- 9 am: Introduction by Tim Duffy, K3LR, CEO of DX Engineering
- 9:15 am: DXE Product Discussion with Scott Jones, N3RA
- 9:30 am: Ward Silver, N0AX, Radiosport: Training for Public Service
- 10 am: DXE Product Discussion with Steve Hannah, KC8YSU
- 10:15 am: Sean Kutzko, XX9X, Working Amateur Radio Satellites
- 10:45 am: DXE Product Discussion with Tim Duffy, K3LR
- 11 am: Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, Youth in Amateur Radio
- 11:30 am: DXE Q&A, Wrap-up, and Drawing for a \$1,000 DX Engineering Gift Card

DX Academy

The afternoon will be all about improving your skills at making long-distance contacts. Sponsored by Icom America and DX Engineering, the first-ever online DX Academy brings together experts to share advice from their years of on-air experience.

Schedule (All Times Eastern)

- 1 pm: Introduction by Tim Duffy, K3LR
- 1:15 pm: Jerry Rosalius, WB9Z, Low Band Antennas for DXing
- 2:15 pm: Ray Novak, N9JA, Icom Product Showcase, IC-705
- 2:45 pm: Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, VP6R DXpedition to Pitcairn Island
- 3:45 pm: Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, Operating Tools and Ideas for Becoming a Better DXer
- 4:45 pm: Wrap-up and Drawing for a \$1,000 DX Engineering Gift Card

Look for more information on [DX Engineering's Facebook page](#) and [OnAllBands](#) in the coming days.

DX Engineering

DXEngineering.com

1-800-777-0703

W9DXCC CONVENTION CANCELED FOR 2020

The board of directors for the Northern Illinois DX Association voted unanimously on May 19 to cancel this year's W9DXCC convention due to the coronavirus pandemic and expected limitations in Illinois surrounding large gatherings this fall. Plans are already being made to book the 2021 convention at the Marriott in Naperville, where the 68th annual W9DXCC had been scheduled for Sept. 11-12.

For more information: <http://w9dxcc.com/>

W4DXCC CANCELED FOR 2020

The W4DXCC team has decided to postpone the 2020 W4DXCC convention until 2021.

According to the announcement from Dave Anderson, K4SV, W4DXCC Convention Leader, here are the details:

1. If you made hotel reservations, they will be canceled and the hotel will contact you directly.
2. The new convention dates will be September 24th and 25th, 2021
3. You should make new hotel reservations for 2021
4. Any Online reservations placed will be Refunded.

Go to their website at <http://w4dxcc.com/> for more details.

W8DXCC STILL ON, SO FAR

W8DXCC, presented by the Southwest Ohio DX Association, is scheduled for August 29, 2020. This event is being held during the Milford Hamfest, in Owensville, OH. For more details on this event, point your browser to <https://www.swodxa.org/w8dxcc/>.

CENTRAL INDIANA DMR UPDATE

Good news for central Indiana DMR users! Aaron Donaldson, N9ALD, has purchased the Indy DMR machines, and has connected the UHF repeater back to the internet. It is still on the Brandmeister network as before. It appears the VHF machine is not up currently, but should be at some point. Also, stay tuned for updates on the return of a Hendricks County DMR repeater.

SILENT KEY ARCHIVE ONLINE

It appears that this online SK archive has been active for almost 10 years, but I just heard of it. The Archive is similar to a Wiki, where anyone can add or edit a memorial without first obtaining a login ID or password. Submitted content will be reviewed by The Archive, edited if necessary, and added to The Archive's digital library upon approval.

Point your browser to <http://www.silentkeyhq.com> to check it out.

FIRST QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO ANNOUNCED

QSO Today host Eric Guth, 4Z1UG, announced that the first QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo will commence on August 8th and 9th, 2020, over a period of 48 hours. This virtual Expo is built on a live virtual reality platform commonly used by Fortune 500 companies and major universities. Attendance is free, and anyone can attend from their home or office.

Eric and his team, including George Zafiropoulos, KJ6VU, have assembled 50+ of the best ham radio mentors in multiple tracks to address this conference from the virtual Expo's auditorium. Icom has taken the lead as the Expo's Platinum Sponsor, along with Gold Sponsors RT Systems, FlexRadio, RFinder, DX Engineering, Elecraft, and GigaParts.

At the Expo, amateur radio operators will be able to:

- Learn from a packed line-up of renowned ham radio speakers such as Ward Silver, N0AX, on Grounding and Bonding; Glen Johnson, W0GJ, on DXpeditions, and John Portune, W6NBC, on building slot antennas for HOA.

- See demos of the latest ham radio equipment from the world's top equipment companies. Attendees can easily ask questions and engage with Exhibitors through video, audio, or chat.
- Share ideas and network with their fellow ham radio operators at any time throughout the Expo.

For more information go to www.qsotodayhamexpo.com

2021 INTERNATIONAL DX & CONTESTING CONVENTION ANNOUNCED

Formerly known as the Visalia DX Convention, the International DX and Contesting Convention will be a “virtual event” in 2021. Dates: Part 1: Friday, April 16-18 Part 2: Friday, April 23-25 Note: Each weekend will be a unique 3-day event, not duplicates
Formal Online Registration: Early 2021 – exact dates TBD. Check out their website at <http://www.dxconvention.com/> for more details.

UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS (check with sponsor before planning to attend)

Mooresville IN 46158-1333
Sponsor: Formidable Amt Radio Team
Date: Jul 15 2020
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Bill Spann
(317) 831-5582
Email: wlspann@iquest.net
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Brown Township Government Ctr
471 N Samuel Moore Pkwy
also: 3176507528
Mooresville IN 46158-1333

Franklin IN 46131-2443
Sponsor: Mid-State ARC

Date: Jul 18 2020
Time: 9:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
Contact: Scott W. Nelson
(812) 320-2790
Email: scott@w9dba.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Franklin Law Enforcement Center
1 Caisson Dr
Franklin IN 46131-2443

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Jul 21 2020
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Aug 01 2020
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 876-8689
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: First United Church
2420 E 3rd St
Register at 11:30am
Testing at 12 NOON
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Greenfield IN 46140-1100
Sponsor: Hancock ARC
Date: Aug 08 2020
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Jill Schaumloeffel
(317) 363-4674
Email: n2jlc@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Park Chapel Christian Church
1176 E McKenzie Rd
Greenfield IN 46140-1100

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169
Sponsor: Indianapolis RC
Date: Aug 08 2020
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Franklin IN 46131-9733
Sponsor: Mid-State ARC
Date: Aug 15 2020
Time: 9:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
Contact: Scott W. Nelson
(812) 320-2790
Email: scott@w9dba.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: REMC Bldg
750 International Dr
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Aug 18 2020
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Columbus IN 47201-7477
Sponsor: SCICSG
Date: Aug 18 2020
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Michael D. Tanksley
(812) 350-5175
Email: kd9eau@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL VEC
Location: Columbus Twp. Fire & Rescue
935 Repp Dr
Columbus IN 47201-7477

Rushville IN 46173-1846
Sponsor: Michael Elder
Date: Aug 22 2020
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Michael Dwight. Elder
(765) 389-0166
Email: wj9e1977@yahoo.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Rushville Public Library
130 W 3rd St
Call 4-5days in advance
to schedule appointment
Rushville IN 46173-1846

Spencer IN 47460-9999
Sponsor: Owen County ARA
Date: Aug 22 2020
Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Kathryn J. Smith
(317) 862-0468
Email: rasacres55@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Owen County Fairgrounds
South East St
Spencer IN 47460-9999

Bloomington IN 47401-5337
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc
Date: Sep 05 2020
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: William F. Wootton
(812) 876-8689
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: First United Church
2420 E 3rd St
Register at 11:30am
Testing at 12 NOON
Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Indianapolis IN 46218-2169
Sponsor: Indianapolis RC
Date: Sep 12 2020
Time: 12:00 PM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility

4020 Georgetown Rd
6-13-2020 Session is FULL!!!
Indianapolis IN 46218-2169

Noblesville IN 46060-1624
Sponsor: Central Indiana ARA
Date: Sep 12 2020
Time: 10:30 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)
Contact: Joe March
(317) 224-9433
Email: jmarch54@att.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Hamilton Cty Emer Operations Ctr
18100 Cumberland Rd
Sheriff's Campus Training Room
CALL AHEAD
Noblesville IN 46060-1624

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: Sep 15 2020
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
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Email: wa9cwe@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

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Sponsor: Formidable Amt Radio Team
Date: Sep 15 2020
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
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If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at http://mail.indyradioclub.org/mailman/listinfo/ircnews_indyradioclub.org.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the July 1960 *Amachewer*:

PRICE?

There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper and the people who consider price ONLY are this man's lawful prey.

John Ruskin

[Obviously, this is still true in 2020, even more so.-Ed.]

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- July 19: Van Wert, OH Hamfest at Van Wert County Fairgrounds. Go to <http://w8fy.org/hamfest.html> for more info.

- August 8: Hendricks County Tailgate at Avon United Methodist Church More info at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/the-hendricks-county-tailgate>
- August 15: East Central Indiana Hamfest at Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Social-Club/East-Central-Indiana-Ham-Fest-595538614235868/>
- November 7: 59th Annual Hoosier Hills Hamfest at Lawrence County Fairgrounds. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/59th-annual-hoosier-hills-hamfest> for more info.
- November 14 and 15: Fort Wayne Hamfest. Go to <http://fortwaynehamfest.com/> for more info.

2020 Officers:

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